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Mr. Binder called to discuss a proposal for an attempt to break the deadlock in the civil aviation negotiations with the Italians. He said Secretary Volpe has been approached by the Italian Ambassador for help in this regard. The Secretary is planning a trip to Italy this fall, and could take advantage of that occasion to take an initiative with the Italian officials.

The DOT proposal is designed to break the deadlock on the question of multiple designation by offering to restrict the designation for the US on the Dallas/Atlanta/Rome route to a single carrier of US choice.

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Mr. Meadows said that the question of whether such an offer would be acceptable to the Italians, we are faced with two issues in considering the DOT proposal. First, it addresses itself to a single aspect only of the multiple designation problem, which in turn is not the only outstanding issue in the negotiations.

In view of the long-history of discussions on the issue, such a

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limited approach did not appear particularly useful and could be counter-productive. Secondly, we have to consider by whom and when any new approach should be made. The timing is complicated by a note presented to us by the Italians on August 1 asking for provisional authority to serve Los Angeles without prejudice to the negotiations. He noted that Secretary Volpe will not be visiting Italy until the fall (October) and we would have to respond to the Italians before then. We would not, however, want to respond on Los Angeles before we had taken an initiative on multiple designation.

We have already put one suggestion for resolving this multiple designation issue to Mr. Minetti of the CA and will be discussing the matter further with him.

Mr. Binder said the DOT would like to participate in any discussion.

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